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In the application of
*Fred H. Burbank et al.*Examiner of Parent Application:
M. HindenburgFor: **BREAST BIOPSY SYSTEM AND
METHODS**

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTMail Stop Non-Fee Amendments
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMSPlease amend claims 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 30, 40, 48 and 49 and add
new claims 50-56. A list of the pending claims follows.**PENDING CLAIMS**17. (Currently Amended) [The] A biopsy instrument as recited in Claim 5,
wherein said instrument further comprises comprising an elongated shaft, a cutting